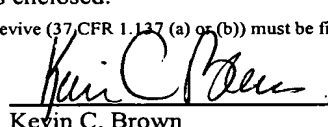


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TITLE OF INVENTION ELASTIC JOINT ELEMENT AND FASTENER ASSEMBLY INCORPORATING THE SAME		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Hanna Maria SMOLAREK, Gheorghe Emil DUTA and David LIWSZYC		
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1. Transmittal Letter to the U.S. DO/EO/US Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (in duplicate),
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 - 1 page Abstract (page 72)
 - 36 sheets of Drawings (Figs. A-C and 1-92)
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